



MEMORANDUM
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Agenda Item No. 6(A)

TO: Honorable Chairman Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.
and Members, Finance Committee

DATE: January 13, 2015

FROM: Christopher Agrippa, Director
Clerk of the Board Division

SUBJECT: Approval of Commission
Committee Minutes

The Clerk of the Board's office is submitting the following Clerk's Summary of Minutes for approval by the Finance Committee:

October 14, 2014

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Attachment



CLERK'S SUMMARY OF Meeting Minutes Finance Committee

Stephen P. Clark
Government Center
111 N.W. 1st Street
Miami, FL 33128

Esteban L. Bovo, Jr. (13) Chair; Juan C. Zapata (11) Vice Chair; Commissioners Sally
A. Heyman (4), and Dennis C. Moss (9)

Tuesday, October 14, 2014

9:30 AM

COMMISSION CHAMBERS

Members Present: Esteban L. Bovo, Jr., Sally A. Heyman, Dennis C. Moss.

Members Absent: None.

Members Late: Juan C. Zapata 10:19:00 AM.

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent County Business: None.

1 MINUTES PREPARED BY

Report: *Alan Eisenberg, Commission Reporter*
305-375-2510

1A INVOCATION AS PROVIDED IN RULE 5.05
(H)

Report: *Chairman Bovo opened today's (10/14) meeting
with a moment of silence.*

1B ROLL CALL

Report: *Chairman Bovo called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.*

In addition to the Committee members, the following staff members were present: Deputy Mayor Edward Marquez; Assistant County Attorneys Geri Bonzon-Keenan and Juliette Antoine; and Deputy Clerk Alan Eisenberg.

Assistant County Attorney Geri Bonzon-Keenan announced that the sponsor of Item 2A requested its deferral to no date certain.

It was moved by Commissioner Heyman that the October 14, 2014, Finance Committee Meeting Agenda be approved with the corrections noted by Assistant County Attorney Bonzon-Keenan, pursuant to County Commission Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa's Requested Changes to the Finance Committee Agenda memorandum, dated October 14, 2014. This motion was seconded by Chairman Bovo, and upon being put to a vote, passed by a 3-0 vote (Commissioner Zapata was absent).

Chairman Bovo pointed out that Commissioner Edmonson submitted a memorandum dated October 14, 2014 that was distributed on the dais requesting that Items 1G1 and 1G2 Substitute be deferred to the next Finance Committee meeting should there be any questions on either of these items because she will be attending the NaCO's Large Urban County Caucus Conference and unable to speak to these items.

1C PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Report: *Mr. Alex Annunziato, Legislative Director, District 13, led the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.*

**1D REASONABLE OPPORTUNITY TO BE
HEARD AS PROVIDED IN RULE 6.06****1E SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS (SCHEDULED
TO BEGIN AT 9:00 AM)**

1E1

142150 Service Awards

Rebeca Sosa

PRESENTATION OF SERVICE AWARDS TO THE
FOLLOWING EMPLOYEES:

Presented

BYRON D. ROE - INTERNAL SERVICES - 35 YEARS

1F DISCUSSION ITEMS

1G PUBLIC HEARINGS

1G1

141857 Ordinance

Audrey M. Edmonson

ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 29-6 OF THE CODE
OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA RELATING TO
TAX INCREMENT FINANCING FOR
SOUTHEAST/OVERTOWN PARK WEST
REDEVELOPMENT AREA; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY,
INCLUSION IN THE CODE, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable
recommendation*

Mover: Heyman

Seconder: Bovo, Jr.

Vote: 3-0

Absent: Zapata

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Geri Bonzon-Keenan
read the foregoing proposed ordinance into the
record.*

*Chairman Bovo opened the floor for public
comments and called for persons wishing to
appear before the Committee on the foregoing
proposed ordinance. The floor was closed after
no one appeared wishing to speak.*

*Commissioner Moss requested an overview of the
foregoing proposed ordinance.*

*Assistant County Attorney Juliette Antoine
explained that a code provision affected the
Southeast/Overtown Community Revitalization
Area (CRA) that placed a cap on the increment
paid by the County to the CRA in the nineteenth
year. She said that since the CRA recently issued
bonds, the County was now obligated to pay the
full amount of the cap and the code provision was
no longer necessary.*

*Hearing no further questions or comments, the
Committee proceeded to vote on the foregoing
proposed ordinance, as presented.*

1G2

141435 Resolution

Audrey M. Edmonson

RESOLUTION DECLARING SURPLUS COUNTY-OWNED REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF NW 54 STREET AND NW 27 AVENUE, UNINCORPORATED MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, ACQUIRED WITH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS; AUTHORIZING THE PUBLIC SALE OF SAME TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER; AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR THE MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO TAKE ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO ACCOMPLISH THE SALE OF SAID PROPERTY AND TO FILE A SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT TO ANY RELEVANT ACTION PLAN AND CONSOLIDATED PLAN WITH THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (Internal Services)

Withdrawn

Mover: Heyman

Seconder: Bovo, Jr.

Vote: 3-0

Absent: Zapata

1G2 Sub

142192 Resolution

Audrey M. Edmonson

RESOLUTION DECLARING SURPLUS COUNTY-OWNED REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF NW 54 STREET AND NW 27 AVENUE, UNINCORPORATED MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, ACQUIRED WITH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS; AUTHORIZING THE PUBLIC SALE OF SAME TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER; AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO TAKE ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO ACCOMPLISH THE SALE OF SAID PROPERTY AND TO FILE A SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT TO ANY RELEVANT ACTION PLAN AND CONSOLIDATED PLAN WITH THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; AND DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO RETURN TO THE BOARD WITH RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE REALLOCATION OF THE SALE PROCEEDS TO PROJECTS IN DISTRICT 3 ELIGIBLE FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS [SEE ORIGINAL ITEM UNDER FILE NO. 141435]

Deferred to no date certain

Mover: Heyman

Seconder: Bovo, Jr.

Vote: 3-0

Absent: Zapata

Report: *The Committee proceeded to vote to defer the foregoing proposed resolution, pursuant to the sponsor's request, as noted during the setting of the agenda.*

2 COUNTY COMMISSION

2A

141686 Resolution Sally A. Heyman

RESOLUTION DELEGATING AUTHORITY TO THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO ENTER INTO TIME-EXTENSION AGREEMENTS, AT NO COST TO THE COUNTY, TO ALLOW THE COUNTY ADDITIONAL TIME IN WHICH TO EXERCISE A CONTRACTUAL RIGHT OR OPTION; REQUIRING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO SEEK RATIFICATION FROM THE BOARD WHEN AN EXTENSION IS OBTAINED PURSUANT TO THIS RESOLUTION

Withdrawn

Report: *The foregoing proposed resolution was withdrawn during consideration of changes to today's (10/14) agenda.*

2B

141878 Resolution Sally A. Heyman,

Audrey M. Edmonson, Barbara J. Jordan, Dennis C. Moss
RESOLUTION DIRECTING MAYOR OR MAYOR'S
DESIGNEE TO ANALYZE PAY EQUALITY WITHIN THE
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY GOVERNMENT WORKFORCE

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Heyman

Seconder: Bovo, Jr.

Vote: 3-0

Absent: Zapata

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Geri Bonzon-Keenan read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

Chairman Bovo opened the floor for public comments and called for persons wishing to appear before the Committee on the foregoing proposed resolution. The floor was closed after no one appeared wishing to speak.

Hearing no questions or comments, the Committee proceeded to vote on the foregoing proposed resolution, as presented.

Commissioner Moss asked to be listed as a Co-Sponsor to this item.

3 DEPARTMENTS

3A

142060 Resolution

Finance Committee

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCOUNTS
RECEIVABLE ADJUSTMENT FOR MULTIPLE FISCAL
YEARS OF CERTAIN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY
DEPARTMENTS' UNCOLLECTIBLE ACCOUNTS
RECEIVABLE IN THE AGGREGATE OF \$15,591,552.00,
PURSUANT TO IMPLEMENTING ORDER 3-9 (Finance
Department)

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable
recommendation*

Mover: Heyman

Seconder: Bovo, Jr.

Vote: 3-0

Absent: Zapata

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Geri Bonzon-Keenan
read the foregoing proposed resolution into the
record.*

*Chairman Bovo opened the floor for public
comments and called for persons wishing to
appear before the Committee on the foregoing
proposed resolution. The floor was closed after
no one appeared wishing to speak.*

*Commissioner Moss inquired whether the County
would pursue collection efforts even though the
debt was being written off.*

*Deputy Mayor Edward Marquez confirmed that
every attempt would be made to collect on the
unpaid debt.*

*Commissioner Heyman noted that the State of
Florida required drivers to obtain automobile
insurance; that a large auto insurance company in
this State contested a large amount of coverage
owed; and that the State and Miami-Dade County
allowed this insurance company to remain
licensed.*

*Mr. Scott Mendelsberg, Assistant Director, Miami-
Dade Fire Rescue, explained that the amount
owed the County would be finalized later this
week. He pointed out that many insurance
companies did not pay the County for responding
to accidents and other occurrences, even though
legally responsible to do so.*

*Commissioner Heyman asked Assistant County
Attorney Geri Bonzon-Keenan and Deputy Mayor
Edward Marquez to take appropriate action to
include insurance company reimbursement for
transport services provided by the Fire Rescue
Department on the list of upcoming State
legislative priorities; that the Miami-Dade County
League of Cities and the Florida Association of
Counties be included in this process; and that the*

Finance Committee and the Public Safety Committee be included in further discussion on this issue.

In response to Commissioner Heyman's inquiry about the amount owed the County, Mr. Mendelsberg responded the reimbursement amount for being first in was in the millions of dollars.

Commissioner Heyman commented that there were multiple categories of reimbursements owed the County estimated at a minimum of ten million dollars. She said these funds could be used to support another fire rescue class or vehicle and equipment replacement. Commissioner Heyman further inquired about the status of collection efforts after the proposed uncollectable accounts receivable adjustments were made.

Deputy Mayor Marquez responded that fines did not go away; that an external collection agency continued to pursue to collect the debt in conjunction with the Finance Department, Credit and Collections Division; and that payments continued to be collected and received even after being written off.

Commissioner Heyman asked Assistant County Attorney Geri Bonzon-Keenan and Deputy Mayor Edward Marquez to bifurcate the portion of this proposed resolution pertaining to uncollectible accounts receivables owed to the Fire Rescue Department, when this foregoing proposed resolution was considered by the Board of County Commissioners, should the possibility that funds be collected later existed.

Hearing no further questions or comments, the Committee proceeded to vote on the foregoing proposed resolution, as presented.

3B

141752 Resolution

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF A CONTRACT IN AN AMOUNT UP TO \$5,834,000.00 WITH FIRST SOUTHWEST COMPANY TO OBTAIN FINANCIAL ADVISORY SERVICES FOR THE ENTERPRISE SEGMENT OF THE COUNTY, AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT FOR AND ON BEHALF OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND TO EXERCISE ANY CANCELLATION AND RENEWAL PROVISIONS, AND TO EXERCISE ALL OTHER RIGHTS CONTAINED THEREIN CONTRACT NO. RFQ00009 (Internal Services)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Heyman

Seconder: Bovo, Jr.

Vote: 3-1

No: Moss

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Geri Bonzon-Keenan read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

Chairman Bovo opened the floor for public comments and called for persons wishing to appear before the Committee on the foregoing proposed resolution. The floor was closed after no one appeared wishing to speak.

Commissioner Moss stated that the foregoing proposed resolution included bond work for the PortMiami (Port), some bond work for the Public Works and Waste Management (PWWM) Department and non-bond work for the Aviation Department (Aviation) and inquired whether other previously approved contracts contained similar non-bond related work.

Mr. Frank Hinton, Bond Administration Division Director, Finance Department, reported that all three contracts had non-bond work provisions. He indicated that the First Southwest Company (FSC) would work solely for Aviation in the new contract; therefore, there was a larger component of work for Aviation that was non-bond related.

Discussion pursued between Commissioner Moss and Mr. Hinton about existing contracts and non-bond work being performed under those agreements. Mr. Hinton said that FSC would be doing non-bond work for the Aviation, the Port and the PWWM departments under the proposed agreement.

Commissioner Moss noted that it did not state that FSC would be doing this work for all three departments in the Recommendation Section

which he proceeded to read into the record.

Deputy Mayor Edward Marquez explained that a financial advisor was being assigned to perform bond work and non-bond work for all three segments. He said that FSC would receive all the bond work required for the Aviation, the Port, and the PWWM Departments as well as any non-bond work required by these departments. He noted that a similar arrangement was negotiated with Public Resources Advisory Group, Inc. (PRAG) for the Water and Sewer Department and with Public Finance Management, Inc. (PFM) for its segment.

Commissioner Moss inquired whether FSC would also be conducting bond work for the Aviation Department and if so, whether this was referenced in the contract.

Deputy Mayor Marquez confirmed that FSC would be doing bond work for Aviation and that this was stated within the contract.

Commissioner Moss asked Assistant County Attorney Geri Bonzon-Keenan and Deputy Mayor Edward Marquez to prepare supplemental information to clarify that the Recommendation Section of the foregoing proposed resolution clearly stated that First Southwest Company would provide both bond and non-bond related work for the Public Works and Waste Management Department, the Port of Miami, and the Aviation Department when this item was presented to the Board of County Commissioners.

Commissioner Moss inquired whether Administration expected financial advisory service consultants to provide an independent review; free of influence or coercion from departments, politics or politicians.

Deputy Mayor Marquez responded that these companies were independent financial advisors. He pointed out that financial advisors were governed by the Securities Exchange Commission and other regulatory agencies and therefore required to be objective. Deputy Mayor Marquez noted that Administration expected them to provide the pros and cons of projects presented to financial advisors for review.

Commissioner Moss noted concern about opinions and positions being changed due to politics, politicians and political pressure.

Deputy Mayor Marquez said that the County paid for professional advice because we did not have technical expertise in areas such as bond pricing. He noted that all issues were fully vetted by the time they reached the Mayor's office.

Chairman Bovo said that any independent financial company being swayed by politics or politicians should not be doing business with this County.

Hearing no further questions or comments, the Committee proceeded to vote on the foregoing proposed resolution, as presented.

3C

142129 Resolution

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF A COMPETITIVE CONTRACT IN A TOTAL AMOUNT UP TO \$2,075,000.00 FOR LIQUID SODIUM SILICATE, AND ESTABLISHING PREQUALIFICATION POOLS IN A TOTAL AMOUNT UP TO \$11,040,000.00 FOR CISCO EQUIPMENT, SOFTWARE AND MAINTENANCE SERVICES AND HYDRAULIC PARTS AND REPAIR SERVICES FOR HEAVY MOBILE EQUIPMENT (Internal Services)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Heyman

Seconder: Bovo, Jr.

Vote: 3-1

No: Zapata

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Geri Bonzon-Keenan read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

Chairman Bovo opened the floor for public comments and called for persons wishing to appear before the Committee on the foregoing proposed resolution. The floor was closed after no one appeared wishing to speak.

Commissioner Zapata inquired whether the Information Technology Department (ITD) was involved in the purchase of computer equipment for County departments, and if so, whether the Aviation Department (Aviation) requested to piggyback on current ITD efforts.

Mr. Lester Sola, Director, Internal Services Department (ISD), responded that ITD was responsible for all County technology purchases and departments would often utilize a portion of another department's allocation.

In response to Commissioner Zapata's question about the status of the ITD's consolidation of Aviation's information technology operations, Mr. Sola responded that he was not aware of those results.

Mr. Pedro Garcia, Chief of Telecommunications, Aviation Department explained that the recommendation was to establish a vendor pool to purchase Cisco network equipment. He said this process would expand over five years and the pool was being opened in order to obtain the best price on this equipment among four vendors.

Commissioner Zapata questioned whether ITD already purchased Cisco equipment and already had a vendor pool established, and if so, whether the need for Aviation to establish a separate pool

existed. He said he has not seen any metrics used for efficiencies, progress, or cost savings in relation to the consolidation process.

Mr. Sola indicated that he did not know whether ITD had a pool for Cisco equipment.

Mr. Garcia said that Aviation's procurement department handled this request and was not aware whether Aviation coordinated efforts with ITD.

Commissioner Zapata said he would vote no to the foregoing proposed resolution, noting no progress made in terms of how the County spent its money.

Mr. Sola subsequently reported that ITD did not use Cisco equipment and had different pools for different vendors. He said Aviation had an infrastructure specific to Cisco and needed this pool to compete amongst vendors offering those products.

Commissioner Heyman asked Mr. Sola and Deputy Mayor Edward Marquez to provide members of the Finance Committee with a consolidated report depicting the parameters previously established for pre-qualification pools and administrative authority over the qualification process.

Commissioner Moss inquired about the progress of the consolidating the procurement operations throughout the County.

Mr. Sola responded that efforts were underway to consolidate some of the procurement functions with the Water and Sewer Department and that there were also conversations with the Aviation Department Director about this issue. He explained that the goal was to obtain consistency in procurement functions across the County organization in accordance with the desires of the County Commission and its adopted legislation.

Commissioner Moss questioned the Administration's position on consolidation.

Deputy Mayor Marquez responded that Mr. Sola was directed by Administration to pursue looking at consolidating procurement services across the entire County; and that active discussions were underway with the Water and Sewer Department. He noted that the Finance Director and the Human Resource Director were also evaluating

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opportunities in their areas of expertise. Deputy Mayor Marquez said that changing the way of doing business takes time and that we must proceed cautiously because many obstacles existed. He indicated that the goal was to streamline across the entire organization, to consolidate wherever possible, and to become more efficient.

Deputy Mayor Marquez added that he looked forward to a subsequent meeting between him and Mr. Angel Petisco, ITD Director to further discuss metrics and the consolidation process.

Commissioner Zapata pointed out the need for better communications, noting that Aviation should have discussed their needs/plans with ITD in order to obtain advice and/or suggestions.

Chairman Bovo asked for assurance that these departments were communicating with one another.

Deputy Mayor Marquez explained that Mayor Gimenez had weekly joint meetings with department directors to discuss a wide variety of operational issues. He indicated that he believed that ITD was aware of this proposed Cisco purchase.

Mr. Sola added that ISD was also the gatekeeper for procurement related items. He pointed out that ISD would direct departments to utilize existing contracts rather than to create new ones, whenever possible.

Chairman Bovo asked for clarification that Aviation wanted to establish a pool because ITD did not have a pool for the desired service.

Mr. Sola responded that a pool for Aviation was established by ITD and any other department could utilize that pool unless there was a funding or another utilization restriction.

Hearing no further questions or comments, the Committee proceeded to vote on the foregoing proposed resolution, as presented.

3D

142061 Resolution Finance Committee

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014-15 FOR THE NARANJA LAKES COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (Office of Management and Budget)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Moss

Second: Heyman

Vote: 4-0

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Geri Bonzon-Keenan read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

Chairman Bovo opened the floor for public comments and called for persons wishing to appear before the Committee on the foregoing proposed resolution. The floor was closed after no one appeared wishing to speak.

Hearing no questions or comments, the Committee proceeded to vote on the foregoing proposed resolution, as presented.

4 COUNTY MAYOR

5 COUNTY ATTORNEY

6 CLERK OF THE BOARD

6A

142086 Report

APPROVAL OF CLERK'S MEETING MINUTES FOR THE AUGUST 25, 2014 FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING (Clerk of the Board)

Approved

Mover: Heyman

Second: Bovo, Jr.

Vote: 4-0

Report: *Hearing no questions or comments, the Committee proceeded to vote on the foregoing proposed report, as presented.*

7 REPORTS

8 ADJOURNMENT

Report: *There being no further business, the Finance Committee meeting adjourned at 1:27 p.m.*